

Agency Information

AGENCY : FBI
RECORD NUMBER : 124-10298-10303
RECORD SERIES : HQ
AGENCY FILE NUMBER : 2-1693-62, 63

Released under the John
F. Kennedy
Assassination Records
Collection Act of 1992
(44 USC 2107 Note).
Case#:NW 53074 Date:
05-25-2017

Document Information

ORIGINATOR : FBI
FROM : SAC, MM
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

TITLE :

DATE : 09/06/1962
PAGES : 7

SUBJECTS :

INTERPEN, GPH, RES, ASSOC, CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY
ACT, EXPLOSIVES, MIL VENTURE, ARMS, BOAT, ACA

DOCUMENT TYPE : PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT
CLASSIFICATION : Unclassified
RESTRICTIONS : 4
CURRENT STATUS : Redact
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 09/22/1998

OPENING CRITERIA : INDEFINITE

COMMENTS : INC LHM, MEMO

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (2-1693)

DATE: 9-6-62

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (2-312) (P)

SUBJECT: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES and
(INTERPEN)
NEUTRALITY MATTER

Rerep SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER, dated
4-10-62, at Miami.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of
letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as
above.

MM T-1 is MM 639-S

DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 MAC/GE
ON 5/1/94 (JFK)

Information contained in enclosed letterhead
memorandum was furnished as soon as it was received to
U. S. Customs and U. S. Border Patrol, who had this
boat under constant surveillance.

It is expected that HEMMING will try to
launch another expedition.

The Miami Office will maintain contact with
MM 639-S and keep U. S. Customs, U. S. Border Patrol,
and the Bureau advised.

NO OBJECTION TO
DECLASSIFICATION AND/OR,
RELEASE OF INFORMATION
IN THIS DOCUMENT

KP 10-16-97
SLD/KSR
2-11-97
21/8/97 (JFK)
B. J. [unclear]

2-Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
2-Miami
RJD/AL
(4)

ENCLOSURE FBI
REC-16 2-1693-62
SEP 11 15 1962
SEP 10 1962
CC TO: AID
REQ. REC'D. 5-9-67
MAY 9 1967
ANS. 5-9-67
BY: Roy mb

Copy to: CLEA/INS/Customs
ON/CH/1/2 DIA (1-77-97)
by routing slip for info.
Date 9-20-62 by KHA/1/5/cha



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

DECLASSIFIED BY: *SPS mac/GCL*
ON *5/5/94* *(JFK)*

Miami, Florida

SEP 6 1962

~~Classified by *SA BSA/gcl*~~

~~Declassify on: OADR 7/24/85~~

~~2019 4/5/10~~

~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.~~

RE: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN)

MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past five years and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 3, 1962, advised that GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, an unemployed American soldier of fortune residing in Miami, Florida, on August 3, 1962, was supposed to be the middle man on the sale of 250 pounds of C-4 explosive. *Cuba* *Fla* *(u)*

MM T-1 explained that HEMMING had contacted DAVID QUINTAS, 469 N. W. 48th Street, Miami, who is a Cuban national interested in Cuban revolutionary activity and has a small group of followers among Cuban exiles in Miami. HEMMING was unable to locate the 250 pounds of C-4 explosive although QUINTAS had the money to pay for the purchase. *Cuba* *(u)*

QUINTAS was going to use this explosive as part of his equipment for a future military venture against Cuba which expedition would leave the United States and arrive in Cuba by way of the Bahama Islands. *(u)*

On August 23, 1962, QUINTAS conferred with HEMMING and said he hoped to leave Miami on August 24, 1962, if HEMMING could obtain a boat for transportation. QUINTAS claimed to have \$5000.00 to spend on arms and had a place where he could purchase different weapons. He said his plan was to go to the Bahama Islands and then to Cuba where he would establish an anti-Communist guerrilla force. QUINTAS said that the National Gun Shop in Miami, Florida, has *(u)*

ENCLOSURE

2-1693-62

INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN)

quantity of German 7.62 mm, M62M3 type rifle, which are semi-automatic and which would be sold in lot for \$195.00 each. *X(m)*

FLA
SAM *X* BENTON, an American in Miami who claims to be an attorney and a private detective, but who is not listed in the telephone book as either, and whose address is unknown, has been in contact with a number of Cuban revolutionaries in Miami. BENTON claimed he could provide a boat for use by HEMMING and QUINTAS and would make one available.

MM T-1 continued that on August 23, 1962, SAM BENTON arranged for the use of a boat which would be operated by HEMMING to carry a number of QUINTAS' followers to the Bahamas and then eventually to Cuba. HEMMING was told that two days after he departed from the United States with the boat, it would be reported stolen and the owner would be able to collect the insurance. That day HEMMING took possession of a thirty foot Chris-Craft twin engine cabin cruiser named "Outlaw VI". The boat had Florida Registration FI4728B and a radio telephone with call letters WH 8531. The boat is painted white with a blue stripe and registered to R. Calhoun Motors, Inc., 5971 Hallandale Beach Boulevard, West Hollywood, Florida. *X(m)*

HEMMING and QUINTAS planned to take a total of 19 Cubans to Anguilla Key, Bahamas, remain there a few days where they will meet another boatful of Cubans and from there go to Cuba and start an anti-Communist guerrilla band. *X(m)*

MM T-1 advised that HEMMING planned to go to Hobe Sound, Florida, where the Cubans and equipment would be loaded on the Chris-Craft boat and depart for the Bahamas. *X(m)*

Cuba
NY
On August 25, 1962, MM T-1 advised that ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, a former Cuban Senator presently living in exile in New York City, was visiting in Miami, Florida.

INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN)

MASFERRER, HEMMING and QUINTAS conferred on August 25, 1962, at QUINTAS' residence where MASFERRER promised to supply weapons and Cuban exiles to participate in the planned military action. Thereafter HEMMING bought two 55-gallon drums of gasoline for the boat and some underwater swimming equipment to take along. (u)

On August 27, 1962, MM T-1 advised that on the previous evening four groups of Cubans left Miami, Florida, and went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and maintained telephone contact with QUINTAS in Miami for further instructions. The plan at that time was that HEMMING would take the boat to some secure place where the Cubans and their equipment could be loaded on the boat without being seen by the U. S. Border Patrol or local police. However, the four groups of Cubans either became afraid to go on the expedition or were called back to Miami but in any event they all returned to Miami and HEMMING along with his friend, STEVE WILSON, a mercenary, proceeded on the boat to Pompano Beach, Florida. (u)

FLA
CUBA } MM T-1 advised that then with HEMMING on the boat in addition to WILSON were two more of HEMMING's friends, American adventurers JOE COLLINS and BILL SEYMORE. It appeared then that they would go on to the Bahamas without the Cubans and meet them at Anguilla Key. (u) Islands

On August 28, 1962, Mr. J.H. WILCHESTER, U. S. Customs, Miami, Florida, advised that in the early morning hours Customs agents observed that the above-mentioned boat at Pompano Beach was being loaded with boxes, packages and steel drums. WILCHESTER said the boat contained no automatic weapons, there were several Americans on board and that GERALD PATRICK HEMMING claimed they were going out fishing. WILCHESTER said the boat would be held until about 9:00 A.M., at which time it would be free to leave.

On August 28, 1962, MM T-1 advised that HEMMING (u)

INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN)

called Miami, Florida, and stated he had been stopped by U. S. Customs agents and that he would return to Miami, Florida. C

MM T-1 on August 29, 1962, advised that HEMMING and his crew returned to Miami, Florida. The boat was docked at the Dinner Key Marina. The boat was unloaded and one engine was inoperative. (u)

MM T-1 explained that HEMMING is very impatient to attempt another expedition and claims he will try to leave again in two or three weeks. MM T-1 explained that although he had seen no arms the Cuban exiles claimed that MASFERRER furnished arms and that these arms were confiscated by the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. MM T-1 said it is not clear if the group had any automatic weapons. It is highly unlikely that they did although QUINTAS' followers have a few small arms such as pistols and rifles. (u)

(u) MM T-1 said that HEMMING is very anxious to go on a military expedition and although he is a liar and a braggart, he is capable of making another attempt.

PROPERTY OF FBI - This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.